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METHOD AND FIXTURE FOR MAKING  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 27, 2004.

The Restriction Requirement reports that six patentably distinct embodiments are present in the application.

In particular, Group I, claims 1-11 and 42-48 (directed to a gantry system).

Group II, claims 12-21 (directed to a gantry support structure).

Group III, claims 22-30 (directed to a telescoping mast).

Group IV, claims 31-38 (directed to a fixture).

Group V, claims 39-41 (directed to a method for assembling elongated segmented panels).

Group VI, claims 49-52 (directed to a method for making a bridge for a gantry system).

Applicants hereby elect claims 12-12 (Group II) for continued prosecution on the merits.

A petition for an extension of time is hereby requested. A check is included herewith for the extension fee.

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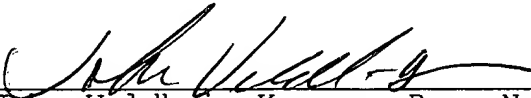
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